GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF WORK TO BBMB
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the control of head works of Ropar, Harike and Ferozpur lies with the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) as per Punjab Re-organisation Act;

(b) if so, whether despite repeated requests of the Government of Rajasthan, the Union Government have not beenable to give the control of said head works to BBMB;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to resolve this long pending dispute early to solve the water problem of drought prone Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) The control of head works at Ropar, Harike and Ferozepur, under the Government of Punjab at present, remains to be transferred to the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) as per the relevant provision of the Punjab Reorganisation Act 1966, despite requests from Rajasthan and also the efforts made by the Union Government of India. According to the BBMB, even after the transfer of the said head works, all the Contact Point would not westwith the BBMB and for ensuring correct supplies to all the Partner States, the best arrangement would be that all the Partner States honour distribution made by the Technical Committee of BBMB in which Rajasthan is also represented, and deliver correct supplies at various Control/Contact Points. It is the endeavour of the Union Government of India to convene a meeting of the Chief Ministers of the three States to arrive at an amicable settlement on inter-State water related issues including the said transfer.